



Small Business & DVBE Services Branch

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"Bringing Business & Government Together"

This publication details services provided by the Department of General Services for the Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business communities during the previous months.

Outreach

Effective January 1, 2005, nonprofit veteran service agencies (NVSA) may qualify for California small business certification through the Department of General Services, Procurement Division, Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification (Military and Veterans Code Section 999.50 et seq., enacted by Assembly Bill 323, Chapter 359, Statutes of 2004). For more information call (916) 375-4940.

- **October, 2004**—participated in Exhibitions and Presentations for small businesses at:
 - Multi Cultural Business Forum, Sacramento
 - American Indian Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco
 - CalTrans Small Business Certification Workshop, Oakland
 - National Latino Business Expo, Los Angeles
 - Regional Business Conference "Success Through Diversity", Long Beach
 - Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) Super Seminar, Oakland
 - DGS IT Goods and Services Resource Exchange, West Sacramento
 - DGS State Agency Recognition Awards (SARA) Ceremony, West Sacramento
 - Chamber of Commerce Alliance, Sacramento
- **November, 2004**—participated in Exhibitions and Presentations for small businesses at:
 - Small Business Workshop, Procurement Assistance Center (PAC), Riverside
 - Professional Business Women's Conference, Sacramento
 - Veterans Economic & Business Development Summit, Riverside
 - CalTrans Procurement Fair, Oakland
 - American Indian Chamber of Commerce (AICC) Annual Awards Event, Pasadena
 - Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Small Business Workshop, San Diego
- **December, 2004**—participated in Exhibitions and Presentations for small businesses at:
 - PTAC Small Business Workshop, San Diego
 - Sacramento Convention Center and Visitor's Bureau Holiday Event

Updates

- **The Resource Exchange** series is now scheduled for 2005. These informative events provide a no-cost, industry-focused opportunity for the SB/DVBE Advocates and contracting officials to network with small business and DVBE firms. The events will be held at the Ziggurat Building in West Sacramento from 8:30 am to Noon on...
 - February 24, 2005, focused on Construction and Personal Services
 - May 26, 2005, focused on Commodities
 - September 14, 2005, focused on IT Goods and Services
- **The Small Business/DVBE Advocate's Quarterly Meeting** will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2005, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Ziggurat Building in West Sacramento. The next quarterly meeting is planned for Tuesday May 3, 2005.

